



National Alliance on Mental Illness

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Keystone
Pennsylvania

Board of Directors Resolution Against Racism

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WHEREAS NAMI KEYSTONE PA represents the interests of all people with mental health conditions, regardless of age, gender, race or ethnicity, national origin, religion, disability, language, socio-economic status, sexual orientation or gender identify;

WHEREAS children, adolescents, and adults who live with an emotional disturbance, mental health condition or serious mental illness and/or substance use disorder frequently encounter attitudinal and policy barriers resulting from negative stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination;

WHEREAS NAMI KEYSTONE PA condemns all acts of prejudice and discrimination whether individual, institutional or structural, and regardless of whether by intent, ignorance, or insensitivity;

WHEREAS people of color often experience pain, trauma and disrespect at the hands of our nation's health care, criminal justice and other systems that can result in fear and distrust;

WHEREAS NAMI KEYSTONE PA is strongly committed to the principle that all individuals, including communities of color and people with mental illness, should be treated with respect and dignity and deserve equitable health outcomes and full inclusion.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that NAMI KEYSTONE PA strongly denounces racism, in all its forms, for its negative psychological, social, education, economic effects and supports public policy to eliminate the mental health disparities perpetuated by racism and racial discrimination.